

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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VERSION MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 7 and 8, to read as follows (a copy of that paragraph, marked to read as follows, is appended):

--Figs. 4A to [4D] 4C are explanatory representations showing a recorded state achieved by a divided recording method;--.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 12-14, to read as follows (a copy of that paragraph, marked to read as follows, is appended):

--Figs. 6A to [6D] 6E are explanatory representations showing a process of creating overlapping data according to a third embodiment of the present invention;--.

Please amend the paragraph at page 37, lines 10-22, to read as follows (a copy of that paragraph, marked to read as follows, is appended):

--Next, during the second scan shown in Fig. 12F and executed in the direction opposite to that of the first scan, the even-number division patterns shown in part (b) of Figs 12A[(b)] and 12B[(b)] are used. Thus, for the upper 8 x 4 pixels of the recording area, the data is recorded on those pixels which have not been provided with

[the] ink during the first scan, and for the lower 8 x 4 pixels of the recording area, 75% of the black Bk data and 75% of the overlapping cyan data are caused to impact the corresponding area, with no magenta or yellow data ejected. During the third scan, the same recording direction as that in the first scan is used, and the odd-number scan division patterns shown in part (a) of Figs. 12A[(a)] and 12B[(a)] are used.--.

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